

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/761,590

Examiner

Madeleine AV Nguyen

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments filed on 1/6/2005 and 2/0/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 January 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 1-18-05
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

This communication is responsive to amendment file on January 06, 2005 and supplement amendment filed on February 08, 2005.

Applicant amends claims 1, 7, 11, 17, 21 and 22.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's amendments and arguments, see pages 3-11, filed February 08, 2005, with respect to claims 1, 7, 11, 17, 21 and 22 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objection and rejection of the specification, drawings and claims 1-22 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-22 are allowed.

3. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: Claims 1-22 are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of the said prior art which teaches an image data conversion apparatus and method for converting input image data for four color components of cyan, magenta, yellow and black (Ci, Mi, Yi, Ki) into output image data (Co, Mo, Yo, Ko) for recording operation comprising means of and the steps for determining based on the input image data for the black component (Ki), distribution data for the four color components of cyan, magenta, yellow and black (Tc, Tm, Ty, Tk) and determining based on the input image data for the black component (Ki) and on the distribution data for the

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black component (Tk), output image data for the black component (Ko); and combining the distribution data for cyan, magenta and yellow color components (Tc, Tm, Ty) and the input image data for the cyan, magenta and yellow color components (Ci, Mi, Yi), respectively, thereby converting the input image data for the three color component of cyan, magenta and yellow (Ci, Mi, Yi) into output image data for the three color components of cyan, magenta and yellow (Co, Mo, Yo).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Madeleine AV Nguyen whose telephone number is 703 305-4860. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

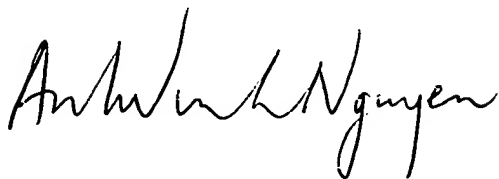
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A Williams can be reached on 703 305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madeleine AV Nguyen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Madeleine" written in a stylized, connected script, followed by "AV" and "Nguyen".

Madeleine AV Nguyen
Primary Examiner
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